

IN HONOR OF PULASKI POST 30

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Polish Legion of American Veterans Pulaski Post 30 in Cleveland, OH on its sixty-fifth anniversary.

Founded in 1993, Pulaski Post 30 has served the community as a patriotic, civil, and religious center. These veterans have established themselves as a viable force in the Tremont area, dedicated to public service. Through the years, members of the Pulaski Post have serviced veterans at local veterans hospitals with thousands of hours of assistance. The post is dedicated to community programs, such as encouraging members and others to participate in donating blood to the Red Cross. Pulaski Post 30 has a distinguished uniformed rifle and ritual squad that carries out patriotic ceremonies and performs in parades and funerals. Throughout the years, many of the Pulaski Post's members have succeeded in public service or in the private sector, including distinguished elected officials, judges, doctors, and accountants. This organization has clearly distinguished itself as an important community force in the Tremont area.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a patriotic organization, committed to upholding American values: Pulaski Post 30 of the Polish Legion of American Veterans.

THE LYME DISEASE INITIATIVE
OF 1998**HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today, I am introducing comprehensive legislation—The Lyme Disease Initiative of 1998—to jump start a world-class, coordinated campaign to fight Lyme Disease. This \$100 million federal initiative will, for the first time, establish a prominent, coordinated federal role in Lyme Disease research, treatment, and education. Various agencies within the federal government have done some good work in the Lyme issue, but these short term efforts have been hampered by a lack of interagency coordination, inconsistent funding and limited agency staff attention. The Lyme Disease Initiative changes all that.

Five year plan of action.—First, my bill calls for a 5 year plan to be established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in coordination with the Secretary of Defense and outside experts to advance the treatment of and a cure for Lyme Disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, various agencies within the Defense Department have all worked on Lyme disease. Too often, however, the left hand does not know what the right hand has discovered and true advancement is hampered.

For example, in 1994 I pushed through a provision directing the DOD to conduct \$850,000 in Lyme Disease research. Tick

borne diseases remains a continuing concern for DOD, particularly with many of our soldiers at risk of tick bites. Regrettably, much of DOD's valuable research under this study never made its way to our other health experts at the Department of Health and Human Services. My new legislation will correct this problem.

Four public health goals.—Sadly much of our Lyme research has been hit and miss with no clear cut goals and no specific purpose for federal expertise and resources. My bill sets out four critical public health goals that will advance the Lyme research efforts:

Goal #1: Develop an objective detection test for Lyme that can determine whether an individual bitten by a tick has Lyme Disease. Designates a reliable detection test as the single most important public health goal.

Goal #2: A review of CDC's reporting and surveillance systems. Among the changes to be considered are (1) a more uniform system of reporting and (2) collecting and analyzing Lyme case data that does not currently meet CDC's strict surveillance criteria.

Goal #3: More accurate and timely Lyme diagnosis. A study shall be initiated to examine patterns of diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Goal #4: Physician Education. A full-scale effort shall be taken to educate treating physicians on how to properly diagnose and treat Lyme Disease.

Other major provisions in the bill include:

Section 4. Establishing a Lyme Disease Taskforce to provide advice and expertise to Congress and federal agencies on all areas of Lyme Disease policy.

Section 5. Requiring Annual Reports be submitted to Congress on the progress of NIH, CDC, and DOD with respect to the goals and programs funded and specified in this bill.

Section 7. \$100 Million Over Five Years. An authorization of \$100 million over five years is needed to ensure sufficient resources for consistent, critical scientific, medical research. The bill authorizes: \$45 million in additional authorization for the National Institutes of Health, \$40 million in additional authorization for the Centers for Disease Control, and \$15 million in additional authorization for the Department of Defense.

Section 8. Lyme Disease Vaccines. The bill urges the Food and Drug Administration to conduct a rapid and thorough review of new Lyme Disease vaccine applications so that people who are already suffering are given new hope.

I am joined today by Rep. JIM MALONEY (CT), Rep. MIKE PAPPAS, Rep. JIM SAXTON, and Rep. SAM GEJDENSON in urging the relevant Committees to give this bipartisan legislation its due consideration. On the Senate side, I am pleased that Sen. CHRIS DODD will be introducing the companion legislation to my bill.

For too long, Lyme patients have suffered and languished under a medical system that cannot meet their needs because of unreliable diagnostic tests and incomplete physician understanding of this emerging infectious disease. My legislation will turn the tide and enable people to fully enjoy the outdoors once again without the fear of contracting a very serious disease.

THE LYME DISEASE INITIATIVE
OF 1998**HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS**

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to join Mr. CHRIS SMITH in sponsoring "The Lyme Disease Initiative of 1998."

In my home state of New Jersey, Lyme disease has increased over 30% since 1996. As you may know, Lyme disease is an illness that results from a bite from an infected deer tick. Those infected with Lyme disease experience symptoms ranging from the flu to debilitating arthritis. First identified in Lyme, Connecticut almost two decades ago, there have roughly been 82,000 cases of Lyme disease reported in 48 states. Between 1995 and 1996 alone, the United States experienced a 13% increase nation wide in this disease. The ticks that carry Lyme, which are about the size of a poppy seed, feed at this time of year.

The State of New Jersey currently ranks third in the nation in cases of reported Lyme disease. According to statistics compiled by the Centers for Disease Control of counties in the United States, four of the five counties in the twelfth Congressional District of New Jersey are in the top seventy in terms of reported cases per 100,000 people.

The "Lyme Disease Initiative of 1998" will help to define and solve the growing epidemic of Lyme Disease in the United States. By creating a Lyme Disease Task Force, the accurate diagnosis of Lyme disease will be encouraged, more cases will be reported and better treatments will be proposed. Additionally, this legislation authorizes additional funding for Lyme research through the National Institute of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Defense.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to join my colleague Mr. SMITH in presenting this bill to the United States House of Representatives. I believe it is an important step in battling the spread of Lyme Disease in our country.

THE CAMPUS OF LEARNERS:
BRINGING EDUCATION AND COM-
PUTER TECHNOLOGY TO PUBLIC
HOUSING COMMUNITIES**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring your attention to a revolutionary Department of Housing and Urban Development program—the Campus of Learners Initiative, which is now being implemented in Union City, New Jersey. The mission of the Campus of Learners is to heighten the role of local Public Housing Authorities as a catalyst for residents to become self-sufficient. The initiative is designed so that local housing authorities have the resources to develop their own creative strategic plans to provide for education, job training, and employment opportunities through computer and telecommunications technology in campus setting.

I am proud to announce that the Housing Authority of Union City, New Jersey has responded to HUD's initiative by opening the

Hillside Pavilion Campus of Learners Center today, a three-level state-of-the-art building. Union City was one of only 25 PHA's in the United States chosen by HUD to launch the program.

This newly-formed community will serve as an example for other housing authorities wishing to provide high-tech training for their residents. On the campus, residents will learn computer skills to allow them to enter the local job market. This, of course, will greatly benefit local business owners who are in need of skilled employees. The Pavilion will also be a community center where residents can share in recreational and cultural activities.

My colleagues, I urge you to promote the Campus of Learners Program and use Union City as a model in your own communities. This program will transform public housing into a place of opportunity.

HONORING REVEREND NATHANIEL
BENGBA LEGAY

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

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Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, on May 8 there will be a gathering in New Jersey to honor a very special person, Reverend Nathaniel Bengba Legay, who has won deep respect and admiration of all those he serves as pastor of the historic Clinton Memorial AME Zion church in Newark.

Born on the West Coast of Liberia, Reverend Legay came to America in 1970. He spent time in New York City before moving to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he joined Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church. He devoted his time and talents to serving as Lay Minister, Trustee, Class Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Minister and Business Manager. Answering the call to ministry, Reverend Legay received his Exhorter's License on October 10, 1984 under the pastoral leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Andrew Wesley Mapp. He then received his Local Preacher's License on September 13, 1986 under the pastoral leadership of Reverend George W. Maize III at the Jersey City District Conference. He was admitted to the New Jersey Annual conference on Trial, at the Annual Conference convening at Metropolitan, Jersey City on May 17, 1987. Reverend Legay was ordained Deacon on May 15, 1988 in the New Jersey Conference and ordained Elder in 1989 at the Pee Dee Conference in South Carolina. Reverend Legay worked with the City of Jersey City Redevelopment Agency from 1974 to 1980 and at the Kislak Mortgage Company from 1980 to 1989. He worked full time while pursuing his college degree at Jersey City State College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics in 1977. He entered Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, North Carolina and received his Master of Divinity Degree in May of 1992.

His first pastoral charge was Drucilla A.M.E. Zion Church, in South Carolina, the City of Chesterfield, where he remained for five years before returning to New Jersey to join New Saint Mark A.M.E. Zion Church, Westwood New Jersey. It was in March of 1995 that Reverend Legay took his place at the Clinton Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, where I had the

privilege to speak at the 175th Anniversary Celebration. The church was founded in the year that freedmen left the U.S. to go to Liberia. Early records indicate that Essex County residents were involved in these early trips.

As a young person, although I belonged to another church, I found great joy in attending the Memorial progressive programs. There were athletic activities, including basketball and other sports, as well as social dancing. During that time, I remember that Reverend Nelson and Reverend Hogard pastored the church. Reverend Legay is a Life Member of the NAACP, the Urban League of Hudson County, a founding Board Member of the Greenville Steering Committee, the Board of Examiners and the Program Committee of the New Jersey Annual Conference, A.M.E. Zion Church. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in sending our congratulations and best wishes to Reverend Legay and his fine family—his wife Gloria Jean Finnie Legay and their son, Nathaniel, Jr.

TRIBUTE TO HAROLD F. WHITE,
U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE—
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

HON. THOMAS C. SAWYER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual from my community of Akron, Ohio, Judge Harold F. White. On May 1, 1998, Judge White celebrated his 40th anniversary of service as a United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

At the same time, Judge White, after 40 years of uninterrupted service to the court, also achieved the distinction of being the most senior bankruptcy judge in the United States.

Having grown up during the Depression, Judge Harold White first began working as the manager of a paper route in his early teens, and later worked his way through college. He served four years in the Army during World War II and was decorated with the Purple Heart and four Battle Stars. Using the G.I. Bill, he attended the Akron Law School. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1960. Before his appointment in 1958 to the bankruptcy bench he worked as a county and city prosecutor. He also taught for 30 years as an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron.

Throughout his 40 years on the bench, Judge White has seen the bankruptcy code undergo profound change and has watched as bankruptcy filings increased to the record levels of today. He has presided over more than 60,000 cases ranging from multimillion dollar corporations such as Sun Rubber, Inc., Terex Corporation, and Revco D.S., Inc. to individual wage earning debtors. Regardless of the situation, Judge White recognizes that financial difficulties can happen to anyone and treats all debtors who appear before him with the same respect and dignity. He is, in fact, most satisfied when the honest debtor gets the "fresh start" contemplated by the bankruptcy code.

Hailing from Connecticut, Judge White prides himself on his conservative New England views and frugal nature. This background

has suited him well in his career as a bankruptcy judge. He is well known in our community for his habit of clipping coupons and sharing information on where to find a bargain. He frequently encourages his staff to learn to appreciate the wisdom of frugality. He has a sign in his office which reads "Totum Pretrim Pro Cista Frumenti Ne Solveris Umquam". Translated from Latin this means, "You should never pay full price for a box of cereal."

Through his work in the bankruptcy court, Judge White has earned the respect and admiration not only of those who have come before his court, but of our entire community. Although he officially retired in January, 1994, he was recalled for service through January, 1997, and remains on the job to this day.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to commend Judge Harold F. White on four decades of service to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and to our nation.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM A. BURGA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

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Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of the current President of the Ohio AFL-CIO, William A. Burga. Mr. Burga has devoted his life to the cause of the American worker.

Mr. Burga's devotion to the labor movement began when he was a steelworker at Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation in Louisville, Ohio. In Louisville, he organized a local chapter of the United Steelworkers of America. His outstanding leadership skills generated his appointment to the United Steelworkers International Union. Mr. Burga was involved in the Marion area as he served as AFL-CIO president there for two-terms. He also served as Massillon Trades and Labor Council, AFL-CIO, from 1987 until his election to the AFL-CIO presidency of Ohio.

During his tenure in office, Mr. Burga has supported numerous community activities and organized a statewide group against Issue 2, an issue that would have cut benefits for injured workers. Mr. Burga is dedicated to improving the lives of the American worker and we are all grateful for his efforts.

My fellow colleagues, join me in saluting a defender of the American worker, Mr. William A. Burga.

CONGRATULATING KITTY YOUNG
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM
CIVIL SERVICE

HON. CHET EDWARDS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 5, 1998

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kitty Young. She is retiring after a distinguished career serving her community of Harker Heights which is in my 11th Texas Congressional District.

Kitty Young was born in Rupert, Arkansas, on August 16, 1919. She worked hard as a wife and mother during her husband Bob Young's military career.